



# **460th Medical Group**

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## **Buckley AFB**

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# **DoD/VA Power of Sharing**

## **Joint Venture/Joint Opportunities**

# **Air Force Break-Out Session**

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***Integrity - Service - Excellence***



# ***My Experience-Getting Started***

- Meet your VA Director—
  - Share thoughts on collaborating, must be on-board together!
- Seek approval from VA & DoD leadership - JMO
- Assemble Teams: Appoint Domain Champions VA & Buckley
- Domain Champions formed Domain Tiger Teams
  - Looked at all the Sharing and Joint Venture possibilities “Brainstorm”
- Determined “low hanging fruit”
  - what’s possible vs. dreaming or requires legislative change
- Get ideas and vectors from JMOWG, i.e. Ms. Deb Irwin et. al.
- We had high level support and interest from the start:
  - VA Under Secretary for Health & PDASD/HA letters
  - “pleased to be developing a joint venture with Buckley AFB”
  - “active partnership efforts are already underway”
- In ‘08 ASD/HA directed DoD/VA integration for 4 sites to include Denver

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# ***The Challenges***

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- Systems not compatible, IM/IT, Logistics, Pharmacy, EMR
- Legislation required for integration to achieve it's full potential
- Military warrior ethos more "gung-ho" to get-it-done
- Large agencies—no quick fix—will take some time to see actual progress... perseverance
- Sense of urgency—not always present
- Communication: Getting consistent open dialogue
- Ever Changing political environment
  - Volatile Veterans Groups very passionate about their care, their input can change the direction of a billion dollar project in a heart beat
- Quality of care/environment is paramount however Money is an over riding influence and will dictate projects direction/size
  - JIF programs are great opportunities!

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# *Summary*

## *Joint Venture w/VA Nearest*

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- Motivation to collaborate is multifactorial
  - Politically correct at present
  - Limited governmental resources
  - Perception by some that our missions are the same...more of a continuum of care to maximize resources and enhance capabilities
  - Will help familiarize AD personnel with the VA system
- Communication: communicate, communicate, communicate
  - Develop a solid relationship with Local VA director
  - Nothing will happen w/o establishing this first
- Contact our DoD/VA JV Champions
- Don't let a JV opportunity pass by as there truly is Power in Sharing
- Finally- This effort on a whole, has had a military feel about it...you know the hurry-up-and-wait experience....best described as periods of Boredom interspersed with moments of shear panic. But we in the military seem to work well when pressured.....so this is easy.

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# East Colfax Avenue Concourse Level Functional Organization Plan

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# Questions?

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